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SUBJECT: MADEIRA: FUNCHAL TRANSMITTER OCCUPIED

1. AT 6:00 P.M. LOCAL OCTOBER 7, LISBON EMISSORA NACIONAL (EN) BROADCAST REPORT THAT "GROUP LIKE FLAMA" (MADEIRAN INDEPENDENCE GROUP) COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF "GREAT FAMILIES" AND INCLUDING PRIEST NAMED MARTINS HAD OCCUPIED FUNCHAL EN STUDIOS AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 7 AND HAD BROADCAST DEMAND THAT COMMUNISTS IN RADIO STATION, LOCAL ADMINISTRATION, AND VI PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT BE PURGED. ACCORDING TO LISBON EN, AS OF
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6:00 P.M. OCCUPANTS HAD CEASED BROADCASTS, "PROGRESSIVE

FORCES" WERE MASSING IN FUNCHAL FOR MARCH ON STUDIOS, AND MADEIRAN MILITARY COMMAND WAS MEETING WITH OCCUPATION LEADERS.

2. ON THE BASIS OF TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES MADE TO PPD CONTACTS IN FUNCHAL, AN EMBASSY SOURCE SAID THAT ANTI-LEFTIST ANGOLAN REFUGEES OCCUPIED MADEIRA RADIO STATION AND THAT, IN ADDITION TO DEMANDS FOR PURGE OF "LEFTISTS", THEY ARE DEMANDING AUTONOMY FROM PORTUGAL. INDEPENDENCE AS SUCH DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE A QUESTION, AS, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, REFUGEES HAVE RUN UP PORTUGUESE FLAG OVER STATION.

3. COMMENT: AT THIS POINT, ALL THAT CAN BE SAID WITH ANY CERTAINTY REGARDING SITUATION IN FUNCHAL IS THAT EN FACILITIES HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED; BY WHOM, AND TO WHAT END, REMAIN TO BE SEEN. LISBON EN REPORT APPEARS TO CONTAIN AT LEAST ONE INACCURACY: FATHER MARTINS IS LEADER OF EXTREME LEFTIST UNION OF MADEIRAN PEOPLE (UNIAO DO POVO DA MADEIRA -- UPM), WHICH HAS BEEN MAJOR OPPONENT OF FLAMA AND MADEIRAN SEPARATISM.

4. INCIDENT COULD BE CONNECTED TO FACT THAT MADEIRAN MILITARY GOVERNOR BG. CARLOS AZEREDO IS NOW IN LISBON SEEKING GOVERNMENT APPROVAL FOR RESTRUCTURED MADEIRA GOVERNING COUNCIL WHICH WOULD FAVOR PPD AND EXCLUDE COMMUNISTS AND FAR LEFT.
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